

Fleming, C      7 Contact Report of meeting 16 Feb 1962

14. GRAUBERT - Incident Involving GYBROSKY and GIBBY. Fleming related a strange incident that had gone to light, which possibly had been an attempt on the part of GIBBY and GIBBY to kidnap GRAUBERT in West Berlin. In early 1960, under rather involved circumstances, GRAUBERT was riding in a car (after dark) driven by GIBBY and calling over some ops problems with GYBROSKY. At one point the car approached to a halt and a policeman put his head in the window and said he just wanted to alert them to the fact they were about to enter East Berlin. GIBBY and GYBROSKY expressed astonishment that this was the case and, with much comment about what an awful thing almost had happened, turned the car around. GRAUBERT assumed it had been an honest mistake and thought nothing more about it. He recalled the incident succinctly and vividly and reported it after hearing that GIBBY and GYBROSKY had been arrested as Soviet agents. FLEMING said that after GRAUBERT had reported the incident, a check had been made and it had been determined that about one week before the incident GYBROSKY had checked someone in GIBBY to get GRAUBERT's home address in Berlin. It also was determined that he earlier had pulled a personal file on GRAUBERT. FLEMING said that the possibility of kidnapping was being checked further and that he personally was convinced that it had been a kidnapping attempt. There was further discussion of the reports that made such an attempt improbable (that is, GIBBY, GIBBY, GRAUBERT, etc.). FLEMING stated he still felt

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certain the incident had represented a kidnapping attempt and added that if a reasonable probability would be established, it might be possible to give GYBROSKY substantially more than 15 years. C      7 said if there had been any investigation in the incident, GRAUBERT said no. C      7 said that although it was improbable that GRAUBERT would want anything badly, it was possible that GIBBY and GIBBY (GIBBY) would presumably prefer to hold off on this one until they are doing the interviewing. It is interesting to note that on page 250 of GIBBY's interrogation, he states that (in early 1961) he revealed a strange story from GIBBY on GRAUBERT, strange in that it gave GRAUBERT's private name, GIBBY, and address. GRAUBERT made the point by way of illustrating his conviction that the FBI had a source in the German Del. handling GIBBY's matters. GIBBY presumably was pointing this point by way of indicating that not all that GIBBY had been compromised in the GIBBY line had been compromised by GYBROSKY. C      7 said that 45/2/1.